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1. THE REQUESTED HEALTH DATA BELOW COMES FROM THE 1976 WHO PROFILE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

2. THE NUMBER OF MEDICAL AND PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL AS OF 1975 ARE:

PHYSICIANS-178
PHARMACISTS-17
MIDWIVES-206
NURSES-1,796
NURSE AUXILIARIES-946
LABORATORY TECHNICIANS-49
X-RAY TECHNICIANS-17
SANITARY ENGINEERS-54

3. AS OF 1974 THERE WERE 2,162 BEDS IN THE 10 GOVERNMENT OPERATED HOSPITALS.

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4. ALTHOUGH ACCURATE BASE LINE DATA ON DISEASE PREVALENCE ARE LACKING IN MALI, WHO ESTIMATES THAT IN 1975 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES ACCOUNTED FOR 50 PCT OF ALL REGISTERED DEATHS. OF THESE DISEASES, MALARIA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MOST MORTALITY. NEXT COMES MEASLES, ACCOUNTING FOR AN ESTIMATED 37 PCT OF ALL DEATHS IN THE AGE GROUP 1-4. GASTRO ENTERITIS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ESTIMATED 14 PCT OF DEATHS IN THE UNDER-5 AGE GROUP AND ABOUT 3.4 PCT

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FOR THE ENTIRE POPULATION. CEREBRAL MENINGITIS IS CITED
AS THE NEXT MOST COMMONLY OCCURRING DISEASE, FOLLOWED BY
UPPER-RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN
ESTIMATED 12 PCT OF ALL DEATHS. OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
IN MALI ARE TUBERCULOSIS (MORTALITY RATE 1.5 PCT), AND LEPROSY
(PREVELENCE 1.6 PCT); TRYPANOSOMIASIS, SCHISTOSOMIASTS,
ONCHOCERCIASTS, AND VENEREAL DISEASES ARE ALL ENDEMIC, BUT
EVEN ESTIMATED PREVALENCE RATES ARE UNAVAILABLE. ALTHOUGH
MALNUTRITION IS NOT A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, IT SHOULD BE
MENTIONED AS A MAJOR HEALTH PROBLEM IN MALI, BOTH BECAUSE
IT HAS A MORTALITY RATE OF 3 PCT AND BECAUSE IT INCREASES
SUSCEPTIBILITY TO THE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

5. CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL MATERIALS IN MALI,
THERE IS AN ACUTE AND CHRONIC SHORTAGE. THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
RELIES HEAVILY ON DONOR SUPPORT IN THIS AREA. IN ANY CASE,
ALL SUPPLIES ARE IMPORTED.
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